

## **Criteria for Selecting Early Voting Polling Places for the City of Las Vegas**

1. Polling places must be accessible to individuals with disabilities.
2. To the extent possible, polling places will be located throughout the county based upon the distribution of registered voters so that residents of all communities have an opportunity to participate in the early voting program.
3. Polling places will be selected to ensure, to the extent it is consistent with criteria #1 and #2, the efficient use of early voting personnel and equipment.

### **Considerations:**

- a. Organizations that allow the City to use their facilities as early voting sites do so as a service to the community. Not all organizations choose to participate in the early voting program; therefore, not all sites the City might wish to use are available as early voting polling locations.
- b. The facility must be physically suitable for use as an early voting site. Key issues include parking, ADA accessibility, space within the facility and communications (sites must be wired for connectivity, a one-time cost).
- c. The facility or its providers must not be actively involved or perceived to be involved in any current political activities targeting local voters. This consideration would not necessarily exclude those organizations which are traditionally considered to be nonpartisan, such as the League of Women Voters.
- d. The City of Las Vegas contains a significant amount of rural and undeveloped areas in which residents do not have Election Day polling places, but are assigned to mail precincts. Individuals in these precincts may vote at any early voting site, but due to their sparsity, do not figure into the selection of early voting locations.
- e. The early voting program was initiated in 1994 in Clark County and has grown each year since its inception. As a result, many voters now refer to the early voting site at which they traditionally vote as “their polling place.” Just as Election Day voters are sensitive to changes in polling places, so too are early voters. Early voting history, therefore, is an important consideration when selecting site locations.
- f. Early voting turnout history clearly indicates that voters prefer polling places be situated at locations at which they would gather or shop whether or not early voting was taking place.
- g. Opening and closing times of non-permanent early voting locations may be staggered so that the teams that set up and take down the voting equipment can support more than one location. Operating hours for the permanent sites are based upon the location (e.g., mall hours for malls, etc.).